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1. MFA DEPUTY SECGEN BATU INFORMED US THIS AFTERNOON THAT ECEVIT HAD APPROVED ISSUANCE OF INVITATION TO CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ VIA ESENBEL TO VISIT TURKEY. THIS IS APPARENTLY PURSUANT TO ESENBEL-SOLARZ DISCUSSION REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. PRESUMABLY SOLARZ WILL CONTACT DEPARTMENT TO SEEK EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S JUDGMENT ON HIS MAKING SUCH A VISIT. HE MAY EVEN REITERATE WHAT HE REPORTEDLY TOLD ESENBEL, I.E., THAT HE WOULD ONLY GO IF ADMINISTRATION MADE CLEAR ITS POSITION ON DCA.

3. WE, OF COURSE, SEE A GREAT DEAL OF ADVANTAGE IN HAVING SOLARZ VISIT TURKEY AND TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH ECEVIT, SINCE HE WOULD BE AN EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE SUPPORTER FOR ADMINISTRATION'S CASE THAT EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED AND A MORE CREDIBLE PARTICIPANT IN DEBATE.

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ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD URGE HIM TO MAKE THE TRIP, IF HE CAN, PRIOR TO HEARINGS AND FIND SOME WAY TO SIGNAL TO HIM THAT WE WILL BE ASKING CONGRESS TO APPROVE DCA. IF HE TURNS DOWN INVITATION ON THE BASIS THAT ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT PASSAGE DCA, THIS WOULD INCREASE OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH TURKS SINCE IT WOULD BE CLEAR TO THEM WHY HE WOULD NOT MAKE THE TRIP.

FURTHERMORE TURKS MIGHT BE MORE WILLING TO GIVE SOLARZ A
SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFING ON THEIR PROPOSALS, SINCE HE IS A KNOWN
PROONENT OF THE DCA, THAN THEY WOULD TO US WHILE THEIR
SUSPICIONS AND DOUBTS ABOUT ADMINISTRATION INTENTIONS
REMAIN.
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